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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that: my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; that I verily believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural inventors are named below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

Title: COPPER OXIDE THIN FILM LOW-FRICTION MATERIAL AND FILM-FORMING METHOD THEREFOR

of which is described and claimed in:

☐ the attached specification, or

☒ the specification in application Serial No. 10/554,204, filed December 13, 2005, and with amendments through _____, or

☐ the specification in International Application No. , filed , and as amended on (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the content of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment(s) referred to above.

I acknowledge my duty to disclose to the Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

I hereby claim priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 (and §172 if this application is for a Design) of any application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

COUNTRY	APPLICATION NO.	DATE OF FILING	PRIORITY CLAIMED
Japan	2003-120461	April 24, 2003	Yes

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56 which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

APPLICATION SERIAL NO.	U.S. FILING DATE	STATUS: PATENTED, PENDING, ABANDONED

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I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true, and that all statements on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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The above application may be more particularly identified as follows:

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Title of Invention COPPER OXIDE THIN FILM LOW-FRICTION MATERIAL AND FILM-FORMING METHOD THEREFOR



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COPPER OXIDE THIN FILM
LOW-FRICTION MATERIAL AND FILM-
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STATEMENT OF SOLE ASSIGNEE

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Sir:

National Institute for Materials Science, sole Assignee of the above-identified application by virtue of an Assignment recorded December 13, 2005, at Reel 017884, Frame 0755 in the Assignment records of the Patent and Trademark Office, hereby agrees to the change of inventorship to delete Tetsuo OISHI as an inventor in the above-identified application.

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